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Seeking Payment of a Government Claim Under Difficulties.

A rather speedy but not altogether unexpected termination was yesterday brought to the trial of the suit instituted by John Charles Gardner against the city to recover a portion of the estate of his brother, George A. Gardner, the unfortunate man who, after having been convicted of defrauding the government out of a large sum of money upon a bogus silver mine claim, saved the government any further trouble on his account by committing suicide. The claim set up by the plaintiff was that too large a sum was paid to counsel for services in Washington in getting the government to accept the \$130,500 deposited by the deceased prior to his suicide in the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, in this city, without interest, and allowing the latter to be distributed among the next of kin of the deceased. To sustain the objection to this point the plaintiff called as a witness Mr. E. J. Patterson.

"Do you think \$10,000 paid to counsel," was asked by counsel for the plaintiff, after explaining that this sum was exacted for obtaining the consent of the government to waive interest upon the sum on deposit in the Trust Company, "was too large a sum for the services rendered?"

"I should certainly think it was," answered the witness.

"Have you had much experience in negotiating matters of this kind with the government?" asked the opposing counsel, in cross-examination.

"No, sir," replied the witness.

"Have you had any experience similar to it?"

"I was once asked to use my influence to secure the payment of a claim against the government."

"Did you attempt to get the payment of such claim?"

"I did."

"Well, what was your success?"

"I found that two-thirds of the claim would have to be allowed to get it paid."

"Who told you that?"

"I don't remember the name of the person."

"Was it the President of the United States?"

"Oh, no. I thought if a subordinate charged this high rate, I hadn't better attempt any higher official."

"Was it the Attorney General?"

"No, sir."

"Was it a person in office?"

"I think not. I know I was referred to by a person by an official in one of the departments."

"And he asked you two-thirds of the whole claim?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you get your claim paid?"

"I stopped at that point."

"Have you had any other experience in that line?"

"No, sir; this one experience was enough for me."

The examination of this witness caused some merriment, as might be supposed. After the conclusion of the evidence Judge Van Brunt directed a verdict for the city, holding that the decree of the Interstate fund in question, having been accepted by the heirs in waiver of any further claims was binding upon all the parties. *New York Herald.*

A TOWN OF DWARFS.—A writer in the London Times describes the effect of excessive intermarriage on the inhabitants of Protes, a little town in the province of Santander, Spain. Until eighteen or nineteen years ago the village was quite shut off from the rest of the world. Its inhabitants, from their ever-recurring intermarriages, had become quite a race of dwarfs. On market days the priests might be seen, with long black coats and high black hats, riding in to purchase the simple provision for the week's consumption—men of little intelligence and no learning, sprung from the lowest ranks. About eight years ago the American laborers or Galicians, from the mines of Galicia, swarmed into the town for lodging, &c., and since their colonization the population has increased in strength, stature, education and morality. Their intellects, also, have improved, and a ruined village which had been stunted, dwarfed and ruined by their frequent intermarriages.

At a recent private sale in Constantinople a Circassian girl of four years, with chestnut hair and blue eyes, brought £200, Turkish; another of eighteen, who played the violin, brought £130; a Georgian girl brought £120, while a black girl, a good cook, brought £28.

GREAT UPROAR ABOUT CLOTHING.—The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chinchillas, Beavers, Korys, &c. Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all wool Suits at \$6.50 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

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Do you want good digestion?
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Do you want to build up your constitution?
Do you want a brisk and vigorous feeling?
If you do, take

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PURELY VEGETABLE.

Is harmless,
Is no drastic violent medicine,
Is sure to cure if taken regularly,
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Is the cheapest medicine in the world,
Is given with safety and the happiest results to the most delicate infant.
Does not interfere with business,
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Takes the place of Quinine and Bitters of every kind.
Contains the simplest and best remedies.
ASK the recovered Dyspeptics, Bilious sufferers, victims of Fever and Ague, the mercurial diseased patient, how they recovered health, cheerful spirits and good appetite—they will tell you by taking Simmons' Liver Regulator.
The cheapest, purest and best family medicine in the world.
It contains four medical elements, never united in the same happy proportion in any other preparation, viz: a gentle Cathartic, a wonderful Tonic, an unexceptionable Alterative and a certain cure of all impurities of the body. Such signal success has attended its use, that it is now regarded as the

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For all Disorders of the Liver, Stomach and Bowels.
As a Remedy in Malarious Fevers, Bowel Complaints, Dyspepsia, Mental Depression, Restlessness, Jaundice, Nausea, Sick Headache, Colic, Constipation and Biliousness.

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REDUCED PRICES!

AND

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Stock larger than any in the city,

well assorted and marked at

the Reduced Prices.

Orders will receive our prompt attention, and if goods sent do not

prove satisfactory they

can be returned at

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GOODS, &c., &c.

Proprietors of Anodyne Pectoral, Lubricating

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Syrup, and Agents for Ayer's Medicines, Aver-

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[dec 29-11]

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H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

THE FEW CLOAKS STILL ON HAND

MUST BE SOLD,

and you can buy almost at

YOUR OWN PRICE,

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Cloak if price will sell them.

DRESS GOODS AT CLOSING PRICES,

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large REDUCTION IN PRICE. We name

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New Dark Shades of Twilled half wool Cash-

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